

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

March 2014 – Week 2

Air Date: March 9 – March 15 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: TRAVIS ON TRIAL

MARCH 1856 AND THE SON OF A TEXAS HERO STANDS ACCUSED.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MARCH 15, 1856. FORT MASON. AN ARMY COURT-MARTIAL HAS CONVENED TO CONSIDER CHARGES AGAINST CAPTAIN CHARLES EDWARD TRAVIS, THE SON OF ALAMO DEFENDER WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS.

SINCE THE ALAMO, CHARLES HAS STRUGGLED TO ESCAPE HIS FATHER'S LEGEND. HE BRIEFLY SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE, THEN JOINED THE CAVALRY IN 1855.

AFTER BRAGGING ABOUT BEATING ANOTHER OFFICER AT CARDS, TRAVIS IS CHARGED WITH SLANDER AND ARRESTED. AT THE TRIAL, MANY TESTIFY INCLUDING FORT COMMANDER ROBERT E. LEE.

A MONTH LATER, TRAVIS IS CONVICTED AND DISCHARGED. HE DIES IN 1860 AT AGE 31.

CHARLES TRAVIS FACED DISHONOR 158 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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